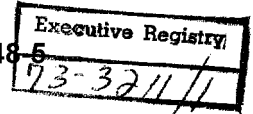


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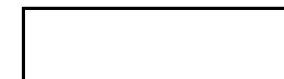
NOTE FOR MR. COLBY

SUBJECT: Odds and Ends 6/15/73

1. You sent down a portion of your briefing of the Mahon Committee asking for our reactions. I have read it, as have the analysts working on Indochina, and the response was unanimous in its pleasure with both the thrust and tone of your remarks. We thought the balance was just about right.

2. You queried as to why we bother to issue the CIB White Book at all. This is a question we have often asked ourselves, and one of the recommendations in the study that Dick Lehman is doing on Bulletins will be to eliminate the White Book.

3. You brought to our attention the different treatment in the 14 June CIB and PDB of the article on South Vietnam. I agree with you that the lead paragraph in the CIB was an infinitely better way of presentation. Ideally, both the PDB and CIB should be presented in about identical fashion. Part of the reasons for the differences are the style and format limitations that have been placed on the PDB by its customer. Another part of the explanation is the different scheduling of both publications and the different channels for approving the final text.



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